Mr. V. R. Nanjundiah.—Taluk Boards have no power to incur expenditure even to the extent of two rupees, without previous sanction of the District Board. Even if a steel-pen is wanted, it should be brought to the notice of the District Board. This causes a good deal of inconvenience. Taluk Boards may be empowered to sanction estimates not exceeding Rs. 500.

Dewan.—Your suggestion will be noted and circulars issued in the matter.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—Local Boards Account Manual should be issued as early as practicable. Then only these matters can be set right.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Empowering Taluk Boards to sanction estimates up to Rs. 500.

Messrs. V. R. Nanjundiah, Gundlupet Municipality; K. S. Channabasappa and G. Venkataseshaiah, Gundlupet Taluk.

Mr. Malali Venkataramiah.—A petty merchant and a poor artisan whose monthly income is Rs. 30, have to be placed in the VII class. But a man in receipt of a pay of Rs. 30 a month is placed in the IX class.

Option may be given to Minor Municipalities in the matter of levying shop-tax instead of profession-tax.

Dewan.—The question is under investigation. Orders will issue in due course.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Modification of bye-laws regarding levy of profession tax.

Messrs. Abdul Nabi Khan Sahib, Tumkur Municipality; Bhari Sanna Thippeswami, Molakalmuru Municipality; Malali Venkataramaiya, South Mysore Native Planters' Association; B. Dyavappa Gowda and Igoor Malle Gowda, Manjarabad Taluk.

Mr. Mallappa.—Under the present system, bills for District Fund works executed are not paid unless they are passed in the office of the President, District Board. This causes delay and contractors are put to serious inconvenience. Amildars may be authorised to issue cheques for sums payable to parties for District Fund works.

Dewan.—Will be examined.

SUBJECT No. 187.

Empowering Presidents of Taluk Boards to issue cheques.

Mr. Mallappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—An officer may be placed on special duty for a year, to commence with, for visiting Municipalities, Local Boards and Panchayets to study their working and their programmes, and advise them to work on proper lines in the light of experience elsewhere and to ensure uniform practice and procedure throughout the State.

Dewan.—The proposal is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Appointment of a Special Officer for regulating the working of Municipalities, Local Boards and Village Panchayets.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In British India, Village Panchayets are proposed to be invested with civil and criminal jurisdiction. Similar powers may be invested to Village Panchayets in Mysore.

Second Member of Council.—Not possible as most of the Village Panchayets in Mysore are not working satisfactorily.

SUBJECT No. 189.

Revival of the ancient system of the Village Panchayet.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.